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Environmental Impact Statement for A Program of Vegetation Management

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A *New Program* for managing competing and unwanted vegetation is being developed by the Pacific Northwest Region (Oregon and Washington) of the USDA Forest Service. This **Request for Participation** is the first of a series of requests for your help in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement for our new program. It marks the start of identifying and focusing attention on important issues. The enclosed Response Guide is intended to help you help us define the depth of environmental analysis required to reach the best possible decisions. The process we will follow is outlined on the inside cover. The enclosed Notice of Intent provides details for our proposed actions.

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Vegetation Management
Environmental Impact Statement
The Process

1. PLANNING & ORGANIZING

- Process Management Meeting — 5/86
- Recommendations
- Decision
- Notice of Intent — 6/86
- Scoping
- Management Objectives for Environmental Analysis — 7/86

2. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

- Interdisciplinary Team Meeting #1 — Scoping — 8/86
- Tight Outline of E.I.S. — Issues, Alternatives, Data Needs
- Public Participation, Internal Review
- Interdisciplinary Team Meeting #2 — Environmental Analysis
- Rough Draft of E.I.S. and Outline of Record of Decision
- Internal Review, Public Participation
- Interdisciplinary Team Meeting #3 — Documentation
- Public Release of Draft E.I.S. — 3/87

3. DECISION MAKING

- Public Comment Period, Internal Review — 3/87
- Analysis of Comments
- Interdisciplinary Team Meeting #4 — Response to Comments — 6/87
- Internal Review Final E.I.S. Record of Decision
- Decision by Responsible Official — 8/87
- Public Release of Final E.I.S and Record of Decision (or New Draft E.I.S) (or Supplement) — 8/87
- Start of Vegetation Management Activities — Spring '88

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